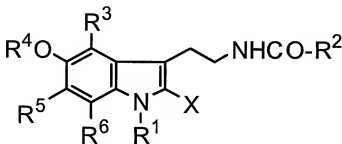


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

(1) – (3) (Cancelled)

(4) (**Currently Amended**) A compound represented by formula (I') or a salt thereof:



wherein X represents a halogen atom or a hydrogen atom; R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted acyl, substituted or unsubstituted arylsulfonyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl, or hydroxyl; R<sup>2</sup> represents substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1-21</sub> alkyl; and R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom, provided that, when X represents a hydrogen atom, ~~at least one of R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup>~~ R<sup>3</sup> represents a chlorine atom; and R<sup>4</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl

(excluding the compound represented by formula (I') wherein X represents a ~~bromine~~ halogen atom; R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom; R<sup>2</sup> represents methyl or cyclopropyl; R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> each represent a hydrogen atom; and R<sup>4</sup> represents methyl; the compound represented by formula (I') wherein X and R<sup>5</sup> each represent a ~~bromine~~ halogen atom; R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen

atom; R<sup>2</sup> represents methyl; R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> each represent a hydrogen atom; and R<sup>4</sup> represents methyl; the compound represented by formula (I') wherein X and R<sup>3</sup> each represent a bromine atom; R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom; R<sup>2</sup> represents methyl; R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> each represent a hydrogen atom; and R<sup>4</sup> represents methyl; and the compound represented by formula (I') wherein X, R<sup>3</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> each represent a bromine atom; R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom; R<sup>2</sup> represents methyl; R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom; and R<sup>4</sup> represents methyl).

(5) (Original) The compound represented by formula (I') according to claim 4 or a salt thereof, wherein X represents a bromine atom; R<sup>1</sup> represents substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>2-6</sub> alkynyl, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted acyl, substituted or unsubstituted arylsulfonyl, or substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl; R<sup>2</sup> represents methyl; R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup>, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a bromine atom; and R<sup>4</sup> represents methyl.

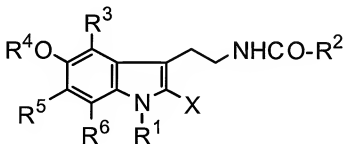
(6) (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, as an active ingredient, the compound according to claim 4 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

(7) (Withdrawn) A method for treating or preventing osteoporosis comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

(8) (Withdrawn) A method for activating an osteoblast comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

(9) (Withdrawn) A method for suppressing an osteoclast comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

(10) (Withdrawn) A method for treating or preventing osteoporosis comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound represented by formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein  $X$  represents a halogen atom;  $R^1$  represents a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-6}$  alkynyl, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted acyl, substituted or unsubstituted arylsulfonyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{1-6}$  alkylsulfonyl, or hydroxyl;  $R^2$  represents substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{1-21}$

alkyl;  $R^3$ ,  $R^5$ , and  $R^6$ , which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom; and  $R^4$  represents a hydrogen atom or substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, to a subject in need thereof.

(11) (Withdrawn) A method for activating an osteoblast comprising administering an effective amount of the compound represented by formula (I) defined in claim 10 or a salt thereof.

(12) (Withdrawn) A method for suppressing an osteoclast comprising administering an effective amount of the compound represented by formula (I) defined in claim 10 or a salt thereof.

(13) (New) The compound represented by formula (I') according to claim 4, wherein X,  $R^3$  and  $R^5$  each represent a halogen atom.

(14) (New) The compound represented by formula (I') according to claim 4, wherein X,  $R^3$  and  $R^5$  each represent a bromine atom.

(15) (New) The compound represented by formula (I') according to claim 4, wherein  $R^1$  represents substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-6}$  alkynyl, a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group,

substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted acyl, substituted or unsubstituted arylsulfonyl, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylsulfonyl, or hydroxyl.